MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY.

Wednesday, 19th September 1962.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA, B.A., B L.) in the Chair

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Recovery of Excise Arrears due to Government from Excise Contractors of Gulbarga, Raichur and Bidar Districts.

*Q.—402. SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Mudigere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total amount of excise arrears that was due to Government by Excise Contractors in Gulbarga, Raichur and Bidar Districts; up to integration and afterwards up-to-date;

(*b*) whether the amount of arrears has been recovered by the Government from the said contractors;

(*c*) if no amount of arrears is recovered what action has been taken by the Government to recover the same?

*A.—SRI M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Law).—

(*a*)—

	Up-to-date of integration (1-11-1956)	Arrears after 1-11-1956 to 31-3-1962	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Raichur ...	13,27,243	20,51,420	33,78,663
Gulbarga ...	41,79,591	8,91,453	50,71,044
Bidar ...	10,32,574	2,28,467	12,61,041
Total ...	65,39,408	31,71,340	97,10,748

(*b*) Yes, partially.

(*c*) The question does not arise in view of answer to (*b*).

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—Supplementary to (*b*); what is the amount that is recovered?

SRI M. V. RAMA RAO.—For the period from 1st November 1956 to 31st March 1962, the total recoveries are Rs. 50,71,645.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—What is the action taken by the Government for the recovery of the other amount that is still due to the Government?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Various steps are being taken including coercive measures under the Land Revenue Rules and also filing of civil suits.

Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—Is it a fact that some amount has been written off by the Government, and if so, what is the amount written off ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Amounts are not written off. The actual position in regard to certain old arrears is that if they are found irrecoverable they may have to be written off.

Sri K. H. RANGANATH—What is the amount already written off ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister said 'may have to be written off'.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Measures are being taken for effecting recovery. If recovery is found impossible, Government will be in a position to state what amounts will have to be written off.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is premature to say anything in the matter.

Sri B. L. GOWDA.—What is the amount already written off ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister says that it is still in the process of recovery.

Sri B. L. GOWDA.—According to my information, something is written off.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not want the Hon'ble Member to give information. It is the Hon'ble Minister that has to give information.

Sri B. L. GOWDA.—Then, with the permission of the Chair, I wish to put a question. May I know whether any amount due from these contractors has already been written off or not ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Has he in mind any particular contractor or is it a general question ?

Sri B. L. GOWDA.—It is a general question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It has been answered already.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಭೀಮಣ್ಣ.—ಮಾಫಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ನಿಜ. ನಮ್ಮ ಬಿದರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಮಾಫಿಯಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have to tell the hon. member the same thing that I told Sri B. L. Gowda. The Hon'ble Minister says that nothing has been written off. It is premature to say if anything has been written off at all.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಭೀಮಣ್ಣ.—ಬೀದರ್ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೇಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದೆ ? ಎಷ್ಟು ಹಣ ವಸೂಲಾಗಿದೆ ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—In regard to Bidar District, I have got a very respectably long list of defaulters...

Mr. SPEAKER.—If it is a long list, I do not want the Hon. Minister to take up the time of the House. He may place it on the Table of the House for the information of the Hon'ble Members.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I wish to submit that it may not be in public interest to lay that list on the Table of the House, to show against whom the Government are proceeding to effect recoveries of amounts due.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is not the length, but the nature that prevents the hon. member from placing the list on the Table of the House.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Would not the publicity of names of those who are due would help speedy recovery of the arrears ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I have no doubt that it will have the contrary effect.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Have the contractors from these three districts written to the Government to write off certain of these arrears ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Such representations have been made time and again. But as I said, Government wish to make the best efforts to realise what is realisable.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—97 ಲಕ್ಷ ಚಿಲ್ಲರೆಯಷ್ಟು ಹಣ ಉಳಿದಿದೆ. ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಆರು ವರ್ಷವಾಯಿತು. ಇನ್ನೂ ವಸೂಲಾತಿ ಆಗದಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Please be accurate.

Sri M. V. SHETTY.—The total is Rs. 97,10,748.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ರಾಮರಾವ್.—97 ಲಕ್ಷ ಬಾಕಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಂಚ ವಸೂಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಉಳಿದಿರತಕ್ಕ ಹಣಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಂದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಗುಲ್ಬರ್ಗ, ರಾಯಚೂರ್, ಬಿದರ್ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ? ಅವರ ಹೆಸರುಗಳೇನು? ಅವರುಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟೆಷ್ಟು ಕೊಡಬೇಕು?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Names need not be disclosed, and the rest of the question may be answered.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—The number of contractors is quite large. As I already submitted, although the information is available, it would not be in public interest to disclose...

Mr. SPEAKER.—The total number, the Hon. Minister can say.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—The total number runs into more than three digits.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡಮೇಟಿ.—ತಾವು public interest ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಬಾಕಿಯ ವಸೂಲಾತಿಯ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ Table ಮೇಲೆ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನಿಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಇದೊಂದು policyಯಾಯಿತು. ಈ policyಯನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಧೋರಣೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಅನುಸರಿಸುತ್ತೀರೋ ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಕ್ಕೂ ಅನುಸರಿಸುತ್ತೀರೋ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ನಾನು ಕೊಡುವ ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ, ಅವರುಗಳಿಂದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡುವ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ, ಆ informationನ್ನು disclose ಮಾಡುವುದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಭಾವಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ.—ಎಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಈ ಬಾಕಿಗಳು ನಿಂತಿವೆ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The printed answer is there. From the date of integration, that is, 1st November 1956, recoveries from that date up to 31st March 1962.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—It was stated that the number of contractors runs up to three digits. May I know how many cases are under the active consideration of the Government for waiving these arrears ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—No particular case as such is under the consideration of the Government for waiving arrears.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—I want to know the number of cases.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Everyone of the cases in which arrears are outstanding is engaging the consideration of the Government, for the realisation of arrears.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that in public interest the names cannot be disclosed. May I know what is the public interest which is at stake for disclosing the names of the defaulters ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before the Hon'ble Minister answers,—I suppose that it is the convention of the House not to mention the names of persons who are not in a position to defend themselves on the floor of the House.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—The question of defence does not come in. It is the question of the names of defaulters. We are not offending them. It is only a question of asking details—who are those in arrears ? The question of defence or offence does not arise. Suppose I have put that question—who are the defaulters who are in arrears. Would he not disclose the names ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I would disallow such a question.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Sir, it is public money. He owes certain amounts to the Government. Is it not in public interest that the name should be disclosed ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I believe it has always been the convention and I have myself ruled that names should not be disclosed.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—That applies to cases where allegations are sought to be made on the floor of the House without any opportunity being given to the person alleged against. In such cases the names should not be disclosed. But here is a case in which according to the Government some persons are owing money to Government and they are in default. The House only wants to know who are the persons who are defaulters and there is no question of any allegation. The ruling that was given that no names should be disclosed was in a different background, but this is an entirely different case where there are defaulters owing money to Government. We only want to know who they are and there is no question of any allegation against them. In view of this background, the Chair may kindly examine this afresh and give a fresh ruling.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—In many cases names have been divulged on the floor of this House. For example only yesterday one Minister gave a list of 34 names to whom loans were given under the Industries Act. Here is a question of collecting arrears due to Government to the tune of Rs. 64 lakhs. I cannot understand the Minister taking shelter under the plea of public interest that he is not able to divulge the names of those defaulting contractors. We demand through the Chair that the Government should place on the Table of the House the number of contractors, their names and the amounts due from each one of them.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—The hon. member may put a question if he is interested in the names of the defaulting contractors but this is a question dealing with the total outstandings and the steps being taken to recover the arrears due. Now by way of supplementaries it is sought to be ascertained who are the contractors and how much is due from each one of them. It is not correct to seek to elicit such information by way of supplementaries.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If there is going to be a debate on this point, most of the other questions will lapse. I am going to avoid that and so I will not permit any supplementaries now. In my opinion, names should not be disclosed, but in view of the appeal that has been made, I will examine the ruling afresh and see what can be done. Members may send a separate question for this. Then I will consider and decide whether I should permit it or not. For the present, this supplementary is disallowed.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—Are there instances in which where bigger sums were due, a compromise has been affected by receiving a smaller sum in full settlement ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I dare some such cases may be there because some of the arrears were almost irrecoverable. So, such realisation as was possible has been effected in quite a few cases.

Sir, the expression "taking shelter under the plea of public interest" was used by the hon. member. I take exception to that. I am not taking any shelter; I have the information, but I claim the privilege not to disclose it on the ground of public interest.

ಶ್ರೀ ಇ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—1-11-56 ರೊಳಗೆ ಬಾಕಿ ಇದ್ದಂಥ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳಿಗೆ 56ನೆಯ ಇಸವಿಯ ನಂತರ ಮತ್ತೇನಾದರೂ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟನ್ನು ಕೊಡರಾಯಿತೇ ! ಹಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್ಸ್ ಡಿಫಾಲ್ಟರ್ಸ್ ಆಗಿ ಮುಂದುವರಿದಿದ್ದಾರೆ ?

Sri M. V. RAMARAO.—If the member will put a separate question I shall endeavour to answer.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಈ ಮೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಅಬ್ಕಾರಿ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳಿಂದ ಬರಬೇಕಾಗಿದ್ದ ಅನೇಕ ಲಕ್ಷಾಂತರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಬಾಕಿಯನ್ನು ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಉದಾರ ನೀತಿಯನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಉದಾರ ನೀತಿಯನ್ನೇನೂ ಅನುಸರಿಸಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯದ ಮಾತು. ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿದಿರುವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಐವತ್ತು ಚಿಲ್ಲರೆ ಲಕ್ಷರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಬಾಕಿ ವಸೂಲಾಗಿ ಇದೆ. ಇದರ ಹಿಂದೆ ಇದ್ದುದು ಬಾಕಿ 65 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು. ಈಗ ಇನ್ನೂ 46 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ವರೆಗೆ ವಸೂಲು ಆಗಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಬರಬೇಕಾದ ಬಾಕಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶೇಕಡ ಅರ್ಧಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ವಸೂಲಾಗುವುದು ಉಳಿದಿದೆ. ಅಂದಮೇಲೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಔದಾರ್ಯತೆ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ತೋರಿಸಿದಹಾಗಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಔದಾರ್ಯವೇನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಇವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಬಹಳ ಹಳೆಯ ಬಾಕಿಗಳು. ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪುನರ್ವಿಂಗಡಣೆಯಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಆದಂಥ ಬಾಕಿಗಳು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗಂಗಾಧರ ನಾಪೋಷಿ.—ಕೆಲವು ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದೇ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಹಣ ವಸೂಲಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಖಾತರಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಕೆಲವರು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಅದು ಅವರ ಇಫರೆನ್ಸ್ ಮಾತು ಆಯಿತು.

Rehabilitation colonies formed for expropriated ryots of Narasimharajapura Taluk.

*Q—530. Sri T. R. PARAMESWARIAH (Tarikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Rehabilitation Colonies formed for expropriated ryots of Narasimharajapura Taluk ;

(*b*) the amenities provided therein ?